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Intake Report → **Not Accepted** ┈┈▶ **May be referred to community services**

Accepted

Accepted branches to **Investigation** and **Assessment**.

Investigation →
- Unsubstantiate, low or moderate risk – case closed within 60 days
- Unsubstantiate, high or very high risk – case opened for ongoing services
- Substantiate, low or moderate risk – case closed within 60 days
- Substantiate, high or very high risk – case opened for ongoing services

Assessment →
- Low or moderate risk – case closed within 45 to 60 days
- High or very high risk – case opened for ongoing services

Case transferred to ongoing Family Services worker

Substantiate Report → **Due process, right to appeal substantiation** → **Child Protection Registry**

Case transferred to ongoing Family Services worker →
- Initial case plan due 60 days from date of risk assessment if no child(ren) in custody
  - Risk reassessment every 90 days from initial case plan

    Low/moderate risk = case closed

    High/very high risk = case remains open
- Initial case plan due within 60 days of child(ren) coming into custody
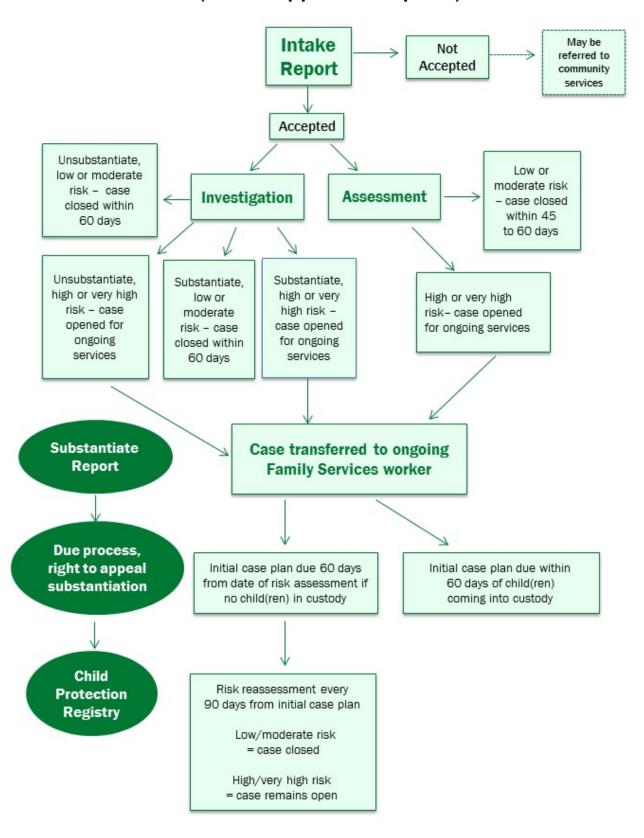
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